GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1133
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2002
OBSERVATIONS OF C &AG
RENU KUMARI SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether numerous audit observations raised by Comptroller and Auditor General of India involving hundreds of crores of rupees are pending for settlement/reply with railway board for number of years;

(b) if so, the number of audit observations/reply pending as on date and the amount is involved therein;

(c) the reasons for not settling those observations and non-reply of observations of C&AG; and

(d) the measures taken to tone up the working of the railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS(SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to A statement is attached.

(d)

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARREDQUESTION NO. 1133 BY SHRIMATI REN KUMARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2002 REGARDING OBSERVATIONS OF C&AG

(a) & (b): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in his annual reports pertaining to the Ministry of Railways brings out his observations on the deficiencies in the various areas of railway working and the losses as observed / assessed by the Audit. These observations are examined in detail, as per laid down procedure, and Action Taken Notes on these paras are submitted to the Public Accounts Committee duly vetted by the Audit. CAG reports for the period from 1993-94 to 1999-2000 included a total of 674 audit paras and out of these, Action Taken Notes have already been submitted to the Public Accounts Committee on as many as 458 paras. As on 01.3.2002, there are 97 audit paras on which replies are yet to be furnished by Ministry of Railways. 119 paras are awaiting Audit vetting.

(c) & (d): Delays occur in furnishing of the replies due to the fact that for preparing the Action Taken Notes, information is required to be collected from the field units and thereafter, the Audit also requires time to vet the Draft Action Taken Notes. After the Action Taken Notes are submitted to the PAC, necessary corrective measures are taken, wherever called for.